



FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR QUOTE NUMBER:

07GS59493YA

WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL CLOSE OF BUSINESS 2:00 P.M. EST:

JANUARY 22, 2008

DESCRIPTION: BALED PINE STRAW
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Return to:

Responses may be submitted for quote on the Vendor Self Service system at
www.fultonvendorselfservice.co.fulton.ga.us

FAX QUOTES ARE
ACCEPTABLE

Fulton County Department Purchasing & Contract Compliance
130 Peachtree Street, S.W. Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 730-5800

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING PURCHASING PROCEDURES OR THE SPECIFICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ONLY TO THE PURCHASING CONTACT PERSON LISTED BELOW. BIDDERS MAY NOT HAVE CONTACT WITH COUNTY OFFICERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES REGARDING THIS BID PRIOR TO AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER. VIOLATION OF THIS INSTRUCTION WILL RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING FOUND NON-RESPONSIVE.

CONTACT NAME:

Gertis Strozier

E-Mail Address :

gertis.strozier@fultoncountygga.gov

Telephone Number:

404-730-5826

All information requested on this sheet must be completed. The signature block and related information on each quote sheet must also be completed. Unless specifications indicate "NO SUBSTITUTE", items determined by Fulton County to be "EQUAL OR BETTER" will be given full consideration. All prices QUOTED must be "FOB DELIVERED" unless otherwise requested, and must be submitted in the format requested. The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation and to reject any or all quotes in whole or in part and is not bound to accept any quote if rejection of that quote is determined to be contrary to the best interest of the County.

Company Name:

Company Address:

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

E-Mail Address:

RESPONSES MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE PURCHASING OFFICE BY THE DATE INDICATED.

Person submitting QUOTE: (Please Print)

Date

Title

*Signature of the person submitting QUOTE:

*This person has binding authority to sign contracts on behalf of the responding company. By signing this form and all attachments, vendor agrees that their quote is an offer to sell. All bidders shall comply with all Fulton County purchasing laws, policies, and procedures, as well as relevant state and federal laws— including compliance with EEOC hiring guidelines and requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

NO BID: ☐

REASON:

REQUEST FOR QUOTE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following provisions are hereby made a part of this Request for Quote. Any contract or purchase order awarded as the result of this request shall be governed by these General Terms and Conditions. By signature in the space provided for vendor in these documents, vendor agrees to furnish the product(s) and/or service(s) pursuant to these conditions. The signed form must be submitted with your bid. Failure to do so may result in your bid being found non-responsive.

1. **GENERAL.** These provisions are standard for all County contracts. The County may delete or modify any of these standard provisions for a particular contract or purchase order by indicating a change in the special instructions or provisions. **Any vendor accepting a purchase order award as the result of this request agrees that the provisions included within this Request for Quote shall prevail over any conflicting provision within any standard form contract of the vendor.**
2. **SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES.** Responses may be submitted for quotes on the Vendor Self Service system at www.fultonvendorservice.co.fulton.ga.us, fax, or in person. Responses must be delivered to the Purchasing Office by the date indicated on the Request for Quote cover sheet. Quotes will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the date indicated. Quotes should be submitted on the forms provided by the County. Quotes must be signed by an authorized employee, if submitting a hardcopy.
3. **AMENDMENTS TO THE REQUEST FOR QUOTE.** Any amendment to pricing is valid only if in writing and issued by the County.
4. **NO BID.** Persons desiring not to submit a quote should return the acknowledgement marking it "No-Bid", not later than the stated submittal deadline.
5. **NON-COLLUSION.** Bidder certifies that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any other corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials or equipment to be furnished and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Bidder further understands collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards. Bidder agrees to abide by all conditions of this bid and certifies that person signing is authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.
6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Vendor states that no County officer or employee, nor any business entity in which they have an interest: a) Has an interest in the contract awarded; b) Has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of the resulting contract; c) Will be employed in the performance of such contract without immediate disclosure of such fact to the County.
7. **BASIS OF AWARD.** The County shall award to the overall lowest responsible and responsive vendor complying with the provisions of the Request for Quote. The following criteria may be considered by the County in selecting the most advantageous quote: a) Ability to perform the service required within the specified time; b) Conformance to specification; c) The quality of performance in previous contracts; d) Financial ability to perform the contract; e) Item pricing; f) vendor references. The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation and to reject any or all quotes in whole or in part and is not bound to accept any quote if rejection of that quote is determined to be contrary to the best interest of the County.
8. **SAMPLES.** Samples of items when required, must be furnished free of expense to the County and upon request, be returned to the Vendor at the Vendor's expense. Samples of selected items may be retained for comparison purposes.
9. **BRAND NAME SPECIFICATIONS AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS.** Unless otherwise specified, manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in the specifications are intended only to identify the quality and characteristics desired. They are not intended to limit competition. The Vendor may offer any equivalent product which meets or exceeds the specifications. If quotations are based on equivalent products, the quote must: a) Indicate the alternate manufacturer's name and catalog number; b) Include complete descriptive literature and/or specifications; c) Include proof that the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications. The County reserves the right to be the sole judge of what is equal and acceptable to meet its needs in all respects. If Bidder fails to name a substitute, goods identical to the published standard must be furnished.
10. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Contractor/Vendor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, it's Commissioners, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns and agents from and against any and all losses (including death), claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including but not limited to all actions, proceedings, or investigations in respect thereof and any outcome of any such action, proceeding, or investigation), caused by, relating to, based upon or arising out of any act or omission by contractor, it's directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns or agents, or otherwise in connection with it's acceptance, of the performance, or nonperformance, of it's obligations under this agreements.
11. **TAXES.** Fulton County is exempt from the State of Georgia sales tax and exemption certificate will be furnished upon request.

12. **DELIVERY.** All prices must be FOB Destination, unloaded inside and assembled unless otherwise indicated.
13. **RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF COUNTY FOR DEFAULT.** If any item furnished by the Vendor fails to conform to specifications, or to the sample submitted by the Vendor, the County may reject it. Upon rejection, the Vendor must promptly reclaim and remove such item without expense to the County, and shall immediately replace all such rejected items with others conforming to such specification and samples. If the Vendor fails to do so, the County has the right to purchase in the open market a corresponding quantity of any such items and to deduct from any monies due the Vendor the difference between the prices named in the purchase order and the actual cost to the County. If the Vendor fails to make prompt delivery of any item, the County has the right to purchase such item in the open market and to deduct from any monies due the Vendor the difference between the prices named in the purchase order and the actual replacement cost to the County. The rights and remedies of the County identified above are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the purchase order.
14. **INVOICES AND PAYMENT TERMS.** Invoices are to be mailed to the County department specified on the resulting purchase order or master agreement. All invoices must include the purchase order number or master agreement number. Failure to comply may result in delayed payments. The County payment terms are Net 30 days unless a cash discount is allowed for payment within not less than twenty (20) days. The payment term shall begin on the date the merchandise is inspected, delivered and accepted by the County and the correct invoice is received in the office specified on the purchase order.
15. **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** Federal, State, County and local ordinances, rules and regulations, and policies shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of quote and disputes about quotes. Lack of knowledge by any Vendor about applicable law is not a defense.
16. **ASSIGNMENT.** Any purchase order awarded shall not be assignable by the Vendor without the express written approval of the County, and shall not become an asset in any bankruptcy, receivership or guardianship proceedings.
17. **REJECTION OF BID.** Bids may be considered irregular and may be rejected if they show omissions, alternations of form, additions not called for, conditions, limitations, unauthorized alternate bids or other irregularities of any kind. The County reserves the right to waive minor technicalities or irregularities of bid.
18. **TERMINATION.** In the event any of the provisions of the purchase order are violated, the County may serve written notice of its intention to terminate the purchase order. Such notice will state the reason(s) for such intention, and unless within ten (10) days after serving notice upon the contractor, such violation has ceased and satisfactory arrangements for correction made, the purchase order shall, upon expiration of ten (10) days, be terminated. Further, the County reserves the right to terminate for its convenience any purchase order in whole or in part upon giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.
19. **DEBARMENT.** If a Bidder is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency which prohibits your firm from participating in any procurement, the Bidder must provide the County with that information as part of its response to this solicitation. Failure to fully and truthfully provide the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid from consideration or termination of the purchase order, once awarded.
20. **RIGHT TO PROTEST.** Any actual or prospective Bidder who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of a contract/purchase order must submit its protest in writing to the Director of Purchasing, 130 Peachtree St. S.W., Suite 1168, Atlanta, GA 30303. A protest must be submitted to the Director of Purchasing in writing within 14 days after such aggrieved entity knows or should have known of the solicitation, the award of contract/purchase order to another or other acts giving rise to a protest. An oral protest or a protest to an official, employee, user department, or other person apart from the Director of Purchasing does not comply with Fulton County Code Section 2-324 and does not toll the protest time period.

SIGNATURE BELOW IS THAT OF A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE QUOTING COMPANY WHO HAS READ, UNDERSTANDS, AND AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

COMPANY: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

NAME: _____ **TITLE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

THIS SIGNED FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING FOUND NON-RESPONSIVE.

REQUEST FOR QUOTE SPECIFICATIONS

Quote Number: 07GS59493YA

Opening Date: January 22, 2008

Baled Pine Straw General Services Department

1. DESCRIPTION

Fulton County Purchasing & Contract Compliance Department is soliciting quotes from qualified vendors to provide Baled Pine Straw for the General Services Department from date of award and continuing for twelve (12) consecutive months.

2. CONTACT PERSON

Please contact Gertis Strozier, Procurement Officer, at (404) 730-5826 or by e-mail gertis.strozier@fultoncountyga.gov, with any procedural or technical questions. All questions should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing & Contract Compliance Department contact person. Any responses made by the County will be provided in writing to all Bidders by addendum. No verbal responses shall be authoritative.

You must be registered in the County's AMS System in order for the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance to issue your company a Purchase Order or to receive payments. If you are not a registered vendor you may access and complete the vendor application via the County's Vendor Registration website (www.fultonvendorservice.co.fulton.ga.us). You must provide a copy of your current Business License in order to complete the vendor registration process.

If your company is a registered vendor, you can respond to all quotes online and in real time on this website.

3. PRODUCT/SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

Pine Straw Requirements

The vendor shall furnish all transportation and material necessary to provide thirty (30) lb. tied bales pine straw of a minimum size of 14" x 15" x 28" on an "as needed, when needed, and if needed" basis. Pine straw must be free from weeds, leaves, trash and other debris.

Delivery Requirements

The successful vendor must be capable of providing delivery to any site(s) specified at time of order throughout Fulton County.

Each respondent must include the cost of delivery in the price per bale offered for quote.

A minimum order/delivery will consist of 100 bales. Delivery requirements will be as required at the time of order placement. The respondent is required to respond to a request in accordance with the following criteria:

- A. Emergency requests: Will be delivered within eight (8) hours.
- B. Urgent requests: Will be delivered within twenty-four (24) hours.
- C. Routine requests: Will be delivered within three (3) days.

4. **PRICING SHEETS**

Baled Pine straw, 30 lb, and minimum size of 14" x 15" x 28", includes delivery charge per bale:

\$ _____ / _____
(In dollars)
\$ _____
(In words)

5. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS/INSTRUCTIONS**

INVOICING

Invoice should be sent to the address below to expedite payment of invoices:

General Services Department
Greater Fulton Service Area
Attn: Grounds & Parks Maintenance Supervisor (Contract Administrator)
125 Willis Mill Road, SW
Atlanta, GA 30311

REFERENCES

The vendor is required to provide three (3) commercial or government references who can verify the vendor's capability to perform the services requested in this solicitation. At least one (1) of the references must be from a customer currently being serviced and the remaining two (2) should be from customers serviced within the past three (3) years. Provide company name and address and contact person's name and telephone number for each reference (i.e., Cobb County Government, 2222 Northside Parkway, Marietta, Jim Thomas, 404-123-4567). **Inability to contact reference due to faulty information may cause reference to be disregarded and may lead to vendor being declared non-responsive.**

AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE CALLS

The following is a list of personnel authorized to place calls against this contract. **Failure to receive proper authorization prior to providing the services can be grounds for non-payment of the invoice.**

Title Grounds & Parks Maintenance Supervisor (Contract Administrator)
Grounds, Manager

INVENTORY

The vendor must certify below to having a service facility and a full inventory of supplies and equipment required to fulfill an order within twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours. The vendor understands that having the materials/supplies services available on an "if needed, as needed, and when needed" basis will be used in selecting the successful vendor. Fulton County reserves the right to reject any vendor failing to meet this requirement.

Location of Vendor's Facility:

Parts/Supplies

Service

